

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 remain pending in the application.

Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the pending application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action of July 6, 2005, claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oshizwa et al., European Patent Application EP 0 967 460 A1 (hereinafter "Oshizwa"), and claims 2 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oshizawa in view of Chowanic et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,505,118 (hereinafter "Chowanic"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1 and 4 have been amended to more clearly define a feature of the invention and to more clearly distinguish over the applied prior art references by further defining the driving path log file and the driving path log file library. No new matter is believed to be introduced by the present amendment. In this regard, the Examiner's attention is directed to Figs. 2-3 of Applicant's application.

It is a feature of an embodiment to provide a method of making a driving path log file library for searching a car navigation path that allows a driver to choose an optimal path.

To achieve the above-noted feature, a method of making a driving path log file library for searching a car navigation path of the present invention, as recited in amended claim 1, includes, inter alia, operating a car navigation system and deciding whether or not to store a driving path of a driver, when the driver decides to store the driving path,

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making a driving path log file with the driving path of the driver, storing the driving path log file, and making a driving path log file library out of the stored driving path log files.

Further, the driving path log file comprises the driving path that the driver has driven through and then selected, and the driving path log file library comprises a plurality of the stored driving path log files.

Applicant respectfully submits that the references relied upon in the rejections under 35U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a), considered singly or in any proper combination, do not disclose such a combination of features.

Neither Oshizawa nor Chowanic discloses at least the driving path log file and the driving path log file library as recited in claim 1. In the Official Action the Examiner appears to assert that the driving path log file or the driving path log file library is taught by step 506 in Fig. 5, col. 7, lines 20-22; step 403 in Fig. 4, col. 8, lines 50-51; and col. 7, lines 1-8, and col. 8, lines 9-11 of Oshizawa. However, although Oshizawa computes the commute route, Oshiwaza does not make or store the driving path that the driver has driven through. Instead, Oshizawa provides an alternative route for determining a commute route using the histogram. Also, although Chowanic discloses a drivers's preferred route segments based on locator system data, Chowanic does not teach the driving path log file and the driving path log file library as disclosed in the present application.

Therefore, neither Oshizawa nor Chowanic teaches the driving path log file containing a driving path that the driver has driven through and then selected by a driver,

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and the driving path log file library including a plurality of the stored driving path log files.

Thus, Oshizawa does not anticipate the present invention or render the presently claimed invention unpatentable, and thus the Examiner's rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) is improper. Furthermore, even assuming, arguendo, that the teachings of Oshizawa and Chowanic can be properly combined, the asserted combination of Oshizawa and Chowanic would not result in the invention as recited in dependent claims 2 and 5. Thus, the rejection of claims 2 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) is also improper.

Independent claim 4 has been amended to further recite that the driving path log file comprises the driving path that the driver has driven through and then selected, and the driving path log file library comprises a plurality of the stored driving path log files. Similar to the arguments above with respect to claim 1, it is clear that Oshizawa does not disclose at least this feature. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) is improper for this reason alone.

Claims 1-3 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. In the Official Action the Examiner has indicated that the steps of claim 1 reciting "searching... a path" are incomplete.

Claim 1 has been amended to change the preamble thereof to "A method of making a driving path log file library for searching a car navigation path, comprising:" Accordingly, claims 1-3 are believed to comply with the enablement requirement under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

The specification is objected to because of the informalities in the abstract.

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The abstract has been amended to comply with the Examiner's indication.

Independent claims 1 and 4 are now in condition for allowance in view of the amendments and the above-noted remarks. Dependent claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 are also submitted to be in condition for allowance in view of their dependence from the allowable base claims and also at least based upon their recitations of additional features of the present invention. It is respectfully requested, therefore, that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), 35 U.S.C. 103(a) and on the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 be withdrawn and that an early indication of the allowance thereof be given.

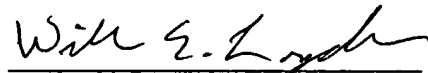
Any amendments to the claims which have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based on prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to be attached thereto.

Based on the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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